

Interdisciplinary Studies: Master's Report Option Guidelines

Purpose:

The masters report option is designed to identify a specific problem associated with the students chosen areas of study, research conducted to examine alternative solutions to the research question, and the student's interpretation of the information presented in the written document.

Requirements:

- The Report Option should be comprised of desktop research, but can be/include field or laboratory related research/data.
- The report should not exceed 75 pages. Students opting for this comprehensive component will take 27 hours of coursework plus 3 hours of Master's Report in Interdisciplinary Studies (IS 5330).
- Along with the submission of the written document, the student is required to present their research to the members of their committee.

For formatting purposes, the student must follow a particular style of writing of their choosing, such as APA or MLA. The student must provide the Graduate Program Advisor (inds.gradschool@ttu.edu) with a final copy of their Master's Report.

Student Graduate Committee:

The graduate committee should consists of 3 graduate faculty members, representing each area of study. It is highly recommended to the student that they meet with their committee either collectively or individually to discuss the requirements. At which time, the committee may ask the student to provide additional information or to emphasize a certain area of interest.

Committee Members Responsibilities:

- 1) Provide the student with guidance regarding any additional information that they would like the student to include in the reflection essay. The committee may request for the student to emphasize a particular area or to include additional topics aside from what is required.
- 2) The committee members will review the report similarly to the review of a thesis using the rubric that will be provided to them by the Graduate Program Advisor for Interdisciplinary Studies.
- 3) The committee will coordinate a date and time with the student to make a presentation of their research report allowing time for the committee to ask questions. The Graduate Program Advisor can assist if needed by making a room reservation.
- 4) It is the responsibility of the committee members to accept or reject the report that is presented to them and to return all paperwork to the Graduate Program Advisor by the deadline set for that semester.
- 5) If the committee approves of the report, the *chair* of the committee will sign and return the Comprehensive Exam Form provided to them by the Graduate Program Advisor by the deadline set for that semester.